

# Getting a supervisor & Supervisor-student relationship

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# Allocation of supervisors

- Takes place after preliminary research idea has been written and reported to the course coordinator.
- You can suggest a supervisor to the coordinator when reporting your topic/RQ if you have a supervisor in mind.
- If a supervisor has agreed to supervise you prior the seminar please let the teacher/coordinator of the seminar know.
- In the end, the allocation of supervisors is based on the topic and availability of supervisory resources.
- When a supervisor has been allocated you cannot change it without discussing with the supervisor or thesis seminar teacher/coordinator.

# Responsibilities in a supervisory relationship

Student:	Supervisor:
<p data-bbox="117 375 206 411"><b>Yes:</b></p> <ul data-bbox="117 454 1210 846" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- conducting research <u>independently</u> and according to the highest ethical standards</li><li>- being proactive (keeping contact &amp; seeking help)</li><li>- sends the thesis for comments well before the agreed meeting, the longer the draft the more time the supervisor needs</li><li>- sticks to the timetables and deadlines common to everyone for the submission of the thesis</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1248 375 1337 411"><b>Yes:</b></p> <ul data-bbox="1248 454 2318 746" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- discusses the research questions, choices of theory and methodology as well as analysis</li><li>- reads and provides comments during the thesis work process in each phase of the research.</li><li>- sticks to the timetables and deadlines common to everyone</li></ul>
<p data-bbox="117 958 193 993"><b>No:</b></p> <ul data-bbox="117 1036 1172 1222" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- works for the supervisor's own research project (unless agreed separately)</li><li>- demands flexibility and time from the supervisor without fulfilling one's own responsibilities</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1248 958 1324 993"><b>No:</b></p> <ul data-bbox="1248 1036 2293 1329" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- writes or re-writes the thesis!</li><li>- is considered as a library or a control body</li><li>- responsible for the corrections made in response to comments</li><li>- assures that the quality of the thesis is according to student's expectations</li></ul>

# Meeting your supervisor

## Discuss

- your target grade (will influence theoretical choices, methodology as well as debt of comments received)
  - the time frame and resources for the thesis.
  - your supervisory needs.
  
  - Always set the time for the next meeting with clear targets.
  - **There is no shame in getting stuck – keep in contact with your supervisor.**
  - **Read Aalto mail on continuous bases even when working!**
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